

James Brown Ray correspondence

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Biographical Note:

James Brown Ray was born on February 19, 1794, in Jefferson County, Kentucky. He studied law in Cincinnati and then settled in Brookville, Indiana in 1818. Ray served in the State House of Representatives (1821-1822) and the State Senate (1822-1825). He became president pro tempore of the Senate when the lieutenant governor resigned to run for U.S. Congress and became governor when Governor William Hendricks was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1825. Ray was elected as governor at the end of Hendricks' term and served in the office until 1831. He ran for the U.S. Senate in 1824, 1831, and 1837, but lost each time. After leaving office, he practiced law in Indianapolis. James Brown Ray died in August 1848.

Sources:

Shepherd, Rebecca A., Charles W. Calhoun, Elizabeth Shanahan-Shoemaker, and Alan F. January, comp. A Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly, Volume 1, 1816-1899. Indianapolis: The Select Committee on the Centennial History of the Indiana General Assembly, 1980.

Indiana Governor James Brown Ray. Nov. 2005. Indiana Historical Bureau.
<<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/ihb/govportraits/ray.html>>.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of Photostat copies of letters held at the National Archives and two original documents, a letter and a grant of remission to Robert McCarty.

Item Listing:

1 Folder.

1825 Nov. 25	James B. Ray to John Quincy Adams, Photostat copy of ALS
1826 Feb. 16	James B. Ray to James Barbour, Photostat copy of ALS

1826 July 10	James B. Ray to James Shriver, ALS
1826 Aug. 27	Rafinesque to James B. Ray, Photostat copy of ALS
1830 Oct. 20	Photostat copy of ALS.
1831 May 14	Document granting remission of fine to Robert McCarty.
1831 Oct. 21	James B. Ray to Schuyler Colfax, Photostat copy of ALS

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